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Palermo gets fine, 4 years of probation in tax case

Harding and Melton want him to step down as City Council vice president; he says he won't do so

By Aaron Sanderford
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

South Omaha City Councilman Vinny Palermo says he won't resign from office, and he intends to run for re-election in 2021.

Palermo expressed relief Wednesday after U.S. District Judge Brian Buescher sentenced him to four years of federal probation, not prison, for failing to file federal income tax returns in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Vinny Palermo

"My wife and kids, we needed this black cloud to go away," he told The World-Herald. "(Federal investigators) knocked on my door almost three years ago."

Palermo pleaded guilty in September to the three misdemeanor counts.

Palermo will have to pay a $35,000 fine, on top of the $21,209 he has already paid in restitution for taxes owed from his local tree-trimming business. He also will be required to perform 120 hours of community service.

Prosecutors said Palermo knew or should have known to file tax returns related to his business on gross income of $145,434 in 2012, $220,400 in 2013 and $129,612 in

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TRUMP BECOMES THIRD PRESIDENT IMPEACHED

House approves articles for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress in historic, divisive vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over a charge that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The House then approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as ex-

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announces passage of the first article of impeachment against President Donald Trump. Trump said at a rally Wednesday night that he has "tremendous support" among Republicans.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR TRUMP

The proceedings move to a Senate trial, expected to begin in January. **Page 5A**

With all on the line, Midlands lawmakers stick with parties

By Joseph Morton
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Republican House members from Nebraska and Iowa stood united with President Donald Trump as the House voted Wednesday to impeach him.

Each of the four GOP lawmakers voted against the articles of impeachment after delivering floor speeches denouncing them.

"No law was broken," said Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb. "No high crimes or misdemeanors. No impeachable offenses."

The Omaha-area congressman represents exactly the kind of suburban-heavy swing district Democrats hope to flip next year, in part because of Trump.

But Bacon didn't shrink from defending the president as he spoke on the House floor.

Democrats charge that Trump

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Growing number of teens using marijuana in e-cigs

Analysis by UNMC researcher indicates that increase from 2017 to 2018 represents a million young people

By Julie Anderson
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Researchers and public health officials have known that vaping has increased sharply among teens in recent years.

What they didn't know was precisely what teens were puffing in those e-cigarettes.

Marijuana use in e-cigarettes by U.S. middle and high school students increased significantly between 2017 and 2018, according to an analysis by a University of Nebraska Medical Center researcher.

Among all students, the proportion who reported ever using marijuana in an e-cigarette increased from 11.1% in 2017 to 14.7% in 2018.

While that might not seem like a lot on its face, said Hongying Dai, an associate professor in UNMC's College of Public Health, the increase represents a million young people.

The analysis, published online Wednesday as a research letter in the Journal of the American Medical Association, looked at responses from 38,000 students to the federal National Youth Tobacco Survey, and used the most current data available at the national level.

Another analysis of a different survey, the long-running, federally funded Monitoring the Future survey, also found significant increases in marijuana vaping among youths, in that case between 2018 and 2019. That analysis by University of Michigan researchers also appears in JAMA.

Specifically, the Monitoring the

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